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Dear City and County of Honolulu Councilmembers:

My name is Cedric Gates, I am currently the COO of the Active Hawaii Organization, a 501c3 Nonprofit based out of the Waianae Coast. The Active Hawaii Organization is also a member of Department of Parks and Recreation's **Adopt-a-Park Program (AAPP)**. I am the Chair of the Waianae Coast Neighborhood Board, and previous Chair of the Parks and Recreation Committee. I am testifying as an individual, and a life-time resident of the Waianae Coast. I'm writing to express my full support of **BILL 9 (2016)** relating to the City and County of Honolulu's effort into establishing a process for the City to work with Hawaiian Civic Clubs and community groups to bring more awareness to the rich culture rooted in parks across Oahu by erecting signs and other markers detailing the area's Hawaiian history.

I would like to thank those of you who have supported **BILL 9 (2016)** because you recognize the impact this bill could have on communities across Oahu, and the better future we will have residents begin taking more pride in community parks and beaches.

I support **BILL 9 (2016)** because I believe it's important that community residents understand the history and cultural aspects that lie within our communities across Oahu. Educating residents about the importance of the land will increase community morale and the appreciation of the city's investment in our parks and beaches.

I absolutely support the intent and integrity of this measure because it will provides a platform to encourage good stewardship of our community parks and beaches by all involved parties.

I kindly ask that you all continue to support **BILL 9 (2016)** because I believe it is in the best interest of your constituents and communities County-Wide.

Sincerely,

Cedric Gates

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